

Post-Enumeration Survey Overview

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Importance

- **The source of statistics on the undercount and data quality more generally.**
- **Importantly, is the source of statistics on the undercount by demographic groups.**
- **The PES has a long history allowing learning about census procedures to enhance accuracy.**
- **Vitally important program! Thank you for conducting this work.**

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Overview

- PES is a survey that is independently sampled from the population.
- Census fielded March 12 – October 15, 2021.
- PES fielded June 14 – October 12, 2021.
- Classify individuals as in one but not the other or in both (whether in same location or not); primary purpose – estimating net undercount.
- Simplifying –
 - In 2010, 285M correctly enumerated in Census.
 - 99.9874% of individuals in PES found in census; .0127% not found.
 - 36,000 net undercount = $285\text{M} * .0127\%$

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Discussion

- **NAC especially interested in undercount by minority status.**
- **Would Census consider adding other groups of importance to PES (even if not collected in Census)?**
- **COVID – What can we learn about COVID's effect on the undercount? What can we learn about differential effect of COVID by minority status?**

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- **Important secondary use of PES is understanding how respondents answer question (or make mistakes).**
- **Tabulations I would love to see:**
 - **Gender in the Census vs. PES.**
 - **Race in the Census vs. PES.**
- **Linked Census PES file is of enormous research interest. Could a public use micro data file be released? If not could a micro data file be available through the RDCs?**